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SUBJ: TRAVEL PROBLEMS - CHARLES MINGUS QUINTET

REF: STATE 274628; WEIN/CHAPLIN TELCON OF NOV. 10

AS WEIN WAS INFORMED IN REF TELCON MATTER
IS COMPLICATED ONE INVOLVING ARIA, TAROM AND
INTERFLUG. EMBOFF SPENT THREE HOURS WITH
MANAGER ALSTON TRYING TO RESOLVE MATTER ON NOV. 10
AND WEIN REQUEST WAS THAT WE ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE
MATTER AFTER GROUP HAD LEFT TOWN. EMBOFF
ACCOMPANIED BY ARIA OFFICIALS VISITED INTERFLUG ON
NOV. 18. SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: ARIA CLAIMS TO
HAVE PAID TAROM WHICH WAS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH INTERFLUG. ARIA AND TAROM HAVE PROOF THAT
INTERFLUG IN BERLIN CONFIRMED SPACE AND EXCESS BAGGAGE
ORDER PLACED BY ARIA THROUGH TAROM. LOCAL INTER-
FLUG OFFICE CLAIMS THAT TICKETS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
PICKED UP AT CENTRAL OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN NOT AT AIRPORT
AND THAT MISTAKE OCCURED AT THIS POINT. IT APPEARS
TO US ALSTON HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS PROCEDURE
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AND ACTED CORRECTLY. INTERFLUG MANAGER WILL TRAVEL

TO BERLIN DEC. 1 WITH RETURN DEC. 4 AND WILL ATTEMPT
TO RESOLVE MATTER DURING VISIT THERE.
POSSIBLE PROBLEM HOWEVER MAY BE TO OBTAIN REIM-
BURSEMENT IN DOLLARS SINCE EAST GERMANY AND ROMANIA
PREFER TO DEAL IN SOFT CURRENCIES. THAT BRIDGE CAN BE
CROSSED LATER BUT WEIN MAY CONSIDER -- IF NECESSARY --
POSSIBILITY OF HIS PARIS AGENT MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
WITH INTERFLUG FOR COMPENSATION. EMBASSY PRESSING
FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO BE MADE IN DOLLAR CHECK,
PROBABLY VIA TAROM OFFICE, IN WHICH CASE WE WILL
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY TO WEIN. ARIA AND LOCAL
INTERFLUG HAVE COOPERATED FULLY. MORE AFTER
DECEMBER 4.
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